

**Remarks**

New claims 24-76 have been added, and claims 24-76 are pending. The claims were amended to fully distinguish and claim the invention, and do not further limit the claimed subject matter. Support for the newly added claims is set forth in the Table below. Thus, no prohibited new matter has been added by the amendment.

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| <u>Claim 24</u> | Original Claim 11                                    |
| <u>Claim 25</u> | Original Claim 11                                    |
| <u>Claim 26</u> | Original Claim 12                                    |
| <u>Claim 27</u> | Original Claim 13; pages 15-16 of the specification. |
| <u>Claim 28</u> | Original Claim 13                                    |
| <u>Claim 29</u> | Original Claim 14                                    |
| <u>Claim 30</u> | Original Claim 15                                    |
| <u>Claim 31</u> | Original Claim 16                                    |
| <u>Claim 32</u> | Original Claim 16; pages 39-40 of the specification  |
| <u>Claim 33</u> | Original Claim 22                                    |
| <u>Claim 34</u> | Original Claim 21                                    |
| <u>Claim 35</u> | Original Claim 1                                     |
| <u>Claim 36</u> | Original Claim 1; pages 15-16 of the specification   |
| <u>Claim 37</u> | Original Claim 2                                     |
| <u>Claim 38</u> | Original Claim 3                                     |
| <u>Claim 39</u> | Original Claim 4                                     |
| <u>Claim 40</u> | Original Claim 5                                     |
| <u>Claim 41</u> | Original Claim 6                                     |
| <u>Claim 42</u> | Original Claim 7                                     |

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| <u>Claim 43</u> | Original Claim 8   |
| <u>Claim 44</u> | Original Claims 1 and 3; Example 4, pages 42-43 of the specification               |
| <u>Claim 45</u> | Original Claim 9   |
| <u>Claim 46</u> | Original Claim 10  |
| <u>Claim 47</u> | Original Claim 21  |
| <u>Claim 48</u> | Original Claim 11  |
| <u>Claim 49</u> | Original Claim 11; page 15 of the specification                                    |
| <u>Claim 50</u> | Original Claim 11; page 18 of the specification, last paragraph                    |
| <u>Claim 51</u> | Original Claim 11; page 40 of the specification, last paragraph                    |
| <u>Claim 52</u> | Original Claims 11 and 21  |
| <u>Claim 53</u> | Original Claims 1, 7 and 8; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph     |
| <u>Claim 54</u> | Original Claims 1, 7 and 8; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph     |
| <u>Claim 55</u> | Original Claims 1, 7 and 8; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph     |
| <u>Claim 56</u> | Original Claims 1, 7, 8 and 21; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph |
| <u>Claim 57</u> | Original claims 1, 7 and 8; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph     |
| <u>Claim 58</u> | Original claims 1, 7 and 8; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph     |
| <u>Claim 59</u> | Original claims 1, 7 and 8; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph     |
| <u>Claim 60</u> | Original claims 1, 7, 8 and 21; page 53 of the specification, first full paragraph |
| <u>Claim 61</u> | Original Claim 17; Example 3, page 42 of the specification                         |
| <u>Claim 62</u> | Original Claim 17; Example 3, page 42 of the specification                         |
| <u>Claim 63</u> | Original Claim 17; Example 3, page 42 of the specification                         |
| <u>Claim 64</u> | Original Claims 1 and 17; page 42 of the specification, first full paragraph       |
| <u>Claim 65</u> | Original Claim 17; page 15 of the specification                                    |
| <u>Claim 66</u> | Original Claim 17; page 15 of the specification                                    |
| <u>Claim 67</u> | Original Claim 22  |

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| <u>Claim 68</u> | Original Claim 18                               |
| <u>Claim 69</u> | Original Claim 18; page 15 of the specification |
| <u>Claim 70</u> | Original Claim 19                               |
| <u>Claim 71</u> | Original Claim 20                               |
| <u>Claim 72</u> | Page 18 of the specification                    |
| <u>Claim 73</u> | Page 18 of the specification                    |
| <u>Claim 74</u> | Page 18 of the specification                    |
| <u>Claim 75</u> | Original claim 21                               |
| <u>Claim 76</u> | Original Claim 23                               |

**Conclusion**

In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter submitted herewith is separated from this document, and **except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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